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Dear Sam,

From the time of the very pleasant lunch to which you treated me several years ago there have been several occasions on which I've wanted to speak to you about FOI interests. Except for lunchtime, when I've been in Washington since then I've had other things I had to do and I'm too broke to take you to lunch, so I can't reciprocate.

I know you keep up with FOI developments, but some of the details must be impossible. And some of what has developed in several of my cases might interest you. Were the subject not political assassinations, I'd speculate they might have made news stories. One example is repeated official perjury. Kleindinest is certified as a liar in DJ's response to CA questioning in CA 2301-70. (I have extra copies of some of the papers if you'd like them. Bud has all.)

Caught you on Today this a.m. and what interested me more, on NPR last night. It is about the understanding you showed on NPR that I write and to tell you of some possible FOI suits I can not handle alone and won't, for it would be irresponsible with the present situation.

Despite the excellent work the Post has done, the CIA area you went into last night is not theory, it is fact. There are some things I have that are definitive and some that are reasonable presumptions. They have to do with Hunt, who he really was and is and did, the p.r. agency and its operations and connections. There is a prima facie case that Hunt was engaged in domestic intelligence for CIA toward the end of his career there, in areas of first-amendment rights and involving me in one instance. I started an FOI thing with CIA, don t remember the details, and because counsel was not available have not carried it further. I have carbon copies of some of its surveillance of me, the identification of the front through which it does this kind of thing, bills, checks in payment, transcripts of conversations between offices about me, even a tape of my own conversation about it with the national manager of the commercial service used. The assassination hangup precludes responsible magazine treatment. I've made several efforts without response and have a query in to The National Enquirer now. There is a reasonable presumption I was involved in similar Army surveillance where untoward things, like interception of my baggage and damage to it, also ensued. I haven't even been able to get their FOI info from Army. So, I could sue on this alone, with help I don't expect and can't even seek.

I have three FOI requests at the White House on the current stuff, two rejected by Dean. They were addressed to Clawson, who had, personally, waived the possible exemptions. They are Watergate-related. The third, made to Dean, is for info about the federal payments to Nixon for the use - HIS use - of his own home at San Clemente and the permanent improvements to it paid with tax money. I think there could be some damned good stories in these things but there is a limit to what I can do and I'm too deep in debt to be able to afford anything that involves money. We still have no income. I can't even collect royalties.

If you know anyone who would like to follow the CIA angles, please let me know. If you want to find out about them or the other things, I'll find time to go there or you can accept the standing invitation to come here and see some of the things I have.

Thanks for the good work. Keep it up!

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg